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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Paul Simmons et al.  
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SIR:

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AS A  
RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED IN JANUARY 9, 2006 FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION

This Amendment is a response to the issues raised in a January 9, 2006 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 9, 2006 Final Office Action is due April 9, 2006. However, since April 9, 2006 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Monday, April 10, 2006, is to be considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Applicants have today filed a Request for Continued Examination in connection with the subject application and this AMENDMENT is submitted in connection therewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: